

Arab guests' day: exhausting, but fun!

Week of excitement awaited 53 lucky children from 10 Arab countries when they lived in Jordan on Sunday and Monday to share the "Common Heritage" of the Arab world at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Noor. Sima Bahous reports on the activities they will repeat annually with varying themes:

Some time with Her Majesty Queen Noor's young guests from all over the Arab world is a rewarding experience, for the warmth and innocence of those children then for the enthusiastic spirit with which they have received them. Jordan Times chose to spend some time with those kids. The programme for the day was very exciting. It was when all 53 delegates, from 10 Arab countries, had the opportunity of sharing a cup of tea with

their host at the royal palace. For the event, all delegates were wearing their national costumes, made sure their cameras were loaded, and counted the minutes until the visit started.

Finally, the happiest moment of all came. Queen Noor graciously welcomed her guests, posed with them for souvenir photographs and joined in their songs and dances in the royal garden. "We will welcome them every year and we hope that other Arab countries

will follow suit," the Queen told the Jordan Times. "We do have common elements of heritage which such programmes will help share and preserve."

"We chose this year's theme to be 'Common Heritage of Music' and we are pleased with the outcome," Queen Noor added.

Earlier in the day, the visiting Arab children had had an exciting morning at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. They were there for three hours, and explored all the activities of the centre.

In the arts and crafts room, every child was asked to contribute something to the centre's exhibition, by painting, drawing or constructing whatever he or she felt like. "We wanted a memory from them for our exhibitions," said Mr. Nabil Sawalha, director of the centre. "We wanted each of them to leave something behind for us; and we hope to have more of their works each year, so we can have a display of the works of Arab children as well as our own."

As centre director and with a

rich experience of children, their needs and anxieties, Mr. Sawalha is a strong believer in such cultural exchange programmes among children. "I sincerely hope that this enlightened idea of Her Majesty's is reciprocated by other

Queen's guests tour sites

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — Arab children visiting Jordan as guests of Her Majesty Queen Noor today visited a number of antiquities sites in the country.

On a visit to Jerash, they heard the story of the origins of the city and the civilisations which occupied it in antiquity. They also visited Qal'at Al Rabad near Ajloun, a fortress built by an Islamic leader under Saladin.

The Youth Welfare Organisation also gave a banquet in the visitors' honour at Ajloun camp.

This evening, the Queen's guests watched the football match between Faisaly and Al Wihdat teams at Al Hussein Youth City.

Arab countries," he told the Jordan Times. "We find that in Europe and other developed societies, such programmes are everyday activities, and are thus a basis of strength in the unity of their cultures and peoples."

"It is time now we get off our apathetic bottoms and start long-term planning and programming for our children."

The guests also visited the Haya Centre's pedal-car traffic school, unique in the Arab World. They were briefed on road and traffic regulations, and then had a chance to practice what they had learnt by driving around the well-organised traffic school. They also witnessed a variety of songs and music performed by the centre's members, and were taught a song of welcome specially composed for the occasion.

The children's morning at the centre climaxed in a 40-minute performance at the centre's puppet theatre: that of a play based on tales from the Thousand and One Nights. This was perhaps the most exciting event of the morning, as most of the children had never seen a live puppet show before. One could see that they were totally absorbed in the play, jumping up and down in excitement, calling out to the puppets and clapping for them.

Muhammad Fadel, a 13-year-old Iraqi delegate, told the Jordan Times with a big smile and shining eyes: "This is my first experience with live puppets, and I am enjoying it tremendously — thanks to Jordan and to this exchange programme, which has given us a lot."

New chief of staff appointed

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — A royal decree has been issued appointing Maj. Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb chief of the general staff as of Aug. 25, the cabinet having decided to retire Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali as of that date.

His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, yesterday morning visited the Armed Forces headquarters, where he met with the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and high-ranking officers, and gave them his instructions and guidance.

Maj. Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb graduated from the Royal Military College in 1954. He occupied several staff and command posts at different levels, and was also dispatched on several training courses in England and the United States. He graduated from the command and staff college in



King Hussein meets on Thursday with a delegation headed by Press Association President Mahmoud Al

Kayed (to the King's left) in the presence of Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, at his right (Petra photo)

King reviews Arab issues with Press Assn. delegation

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Hummar Palace last night the president and members of the Jordan Press Association.

During the meeting, King Hussein reviewed the Arab situation in all its aspects and dimensions, as well as developments involving current Arab issues and their treatment on the Arab and international levels. He also explained the Palestinian issue in its role as

the Arab World's paramount concern, and the impact of international developments on the area.

King Hussein also analysed in depth the challenges and dangers facing the Arab Nation, and Jordan's call to build intrinsic Arab strength, protect Arab solidarity and advance joint Arab action on all levels — proceeding from Jordan's eagerness to preserve the Arab identity and to work for the

sake of future Arab generations.

Jordan Press Association President Mahmoud Al Kayed briefed King Hussein on the state of the press in the country, and affirmed that the Jordanian press has grown and developed as an important national institution and has achieved a high standard, thanks to King Hussein's care.

Finance aide recuperating from gun attack

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — Finance Minister Salem Mas'adeh yesterday visited Under-Secretary of Finance and Customs Yaseen Al Kayed at the King Hussein Medical Centre, where Mr. Kayed has undergone surgery on his foot to remove a bullet.

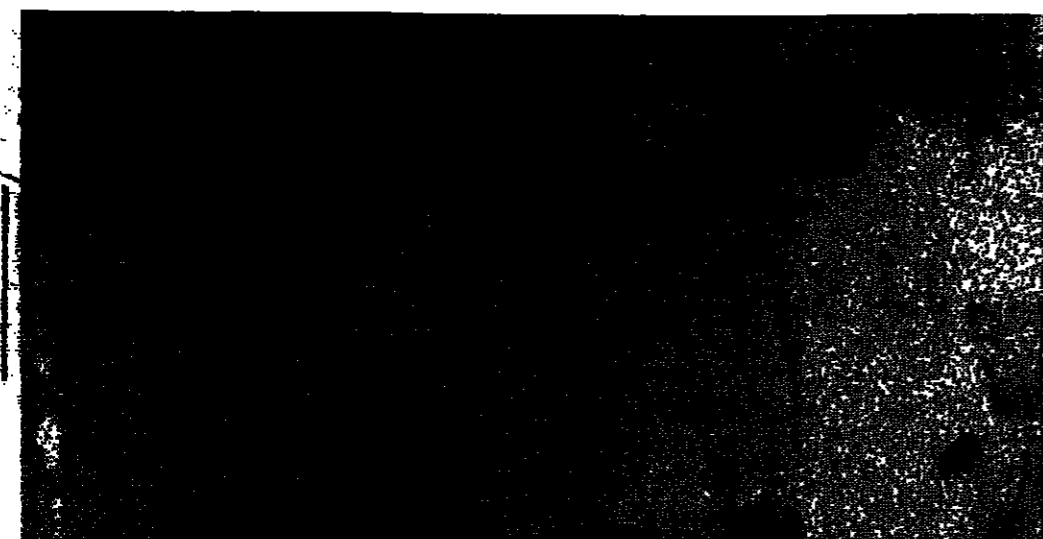
Mr. Kayed was shot at Wednesday afternoon by an unknown assailant in front of the ministry, while he was about to enter his private car.

Medical bulletins say that Mr. Kayed's health is improving.

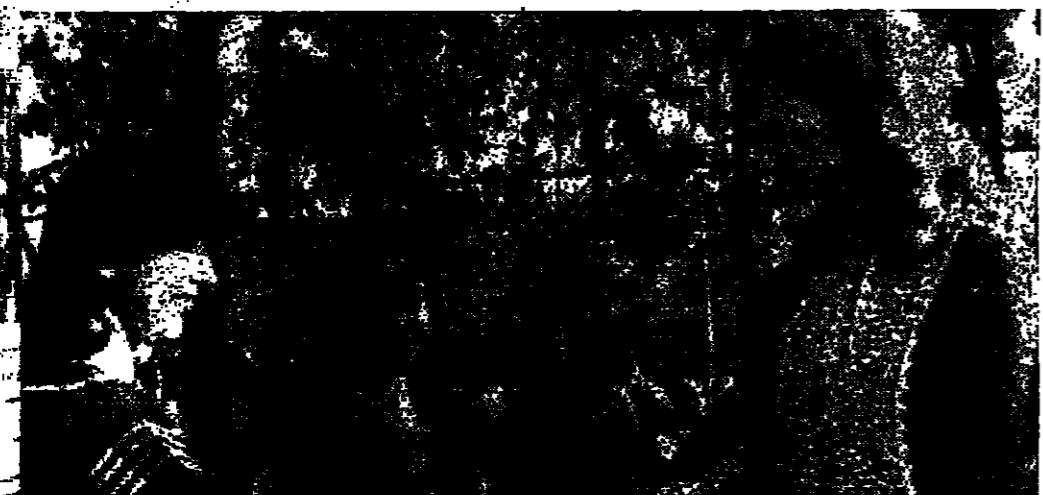
post of commander of an armoured division and assistant to the chief of the general staff.



Fathi Abu Taleb



Her Majesty Queen Noor poses with and greets her young guests in their native costume on Thursday (Petra photo)



King Hussein confers with premier

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein yesterday visited the prime ministry and met for some time with Prime Minister Mudar Badran.

King Hussein was briefed on several development projects included in the five-year development plan for 1981-1985, and gave his instructions in this connection, particularly with regard to the agricultural sector.

During the meeting, the King also discussed several important Arab issues and reaffirmed the pan-Arab line followed by Jordan in order to preserve the dignity and freedom of the Arabs.

Jordan bridge closings announced

AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate has announced that the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges over the Jordan River will be closed on Aug. 28, and on Sept. 7, 12, 19 and 21, beginning at 11 a.m. each day.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

King receives Qatari aide
AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein yesterday received at Al Hummar Palace Qatari Foreign Minister Saif bin Hamad Al Thani. Also attending the meeting was the chamberlain, Prince Ra'ed Ibn Zaid.

Mohammad chairs club board
AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — His Highness Prince Mohammad yesterday evening presided over the meeting of the administrative board of the Royal Shooting Club. During the meeting, the board discussed items on the agenda and made several decisions aimed at developing the club.

Talhouni off to Damascus
AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni and the delegation accompanying him today left Amman for Damascus to attend the meetings of the Arab parliaments which will begin there on Saturday. Delegations representing all the Arab states which are members of the Arab Parliamentary Union will attend the meetings.

Rotten food destroyed
AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — Amman Municipality has destroyed large amounts of cheese, olives, yeast, canned meat and tins after they were found unfit for human consumption. Officials at the municipality said health officials of the municipality issue their inspection campaigns in commercial establishments to ascertain the fitness of foodstuffs for human consumption.

Hard labour for bribery
AMMAN, Aug. 21 (Petra) — The military governor has issued decisions by the court martial sentencing Mohammad Al Deen to one-and-a-half year's imprisonment at hard labour for involvement in bribery, and Romei Salah Al Deen to the same sentence for accepting bribery.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition
An exhibition of paintings by Ghassan Al Ashi, at the Holiday Inn in Amman.

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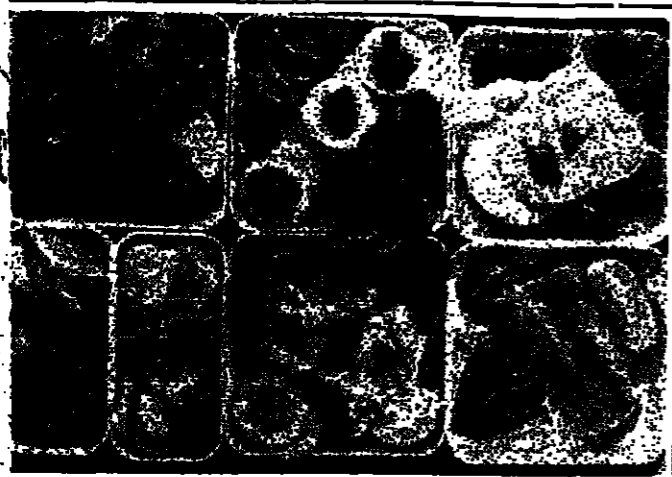


Alia: The Royal Jordanian Airline

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the fifth of a series of articles about Amman Airport, Phyllis Hughes visits the catering department at Alia, which provides meals for most airlines flying out of Amman.

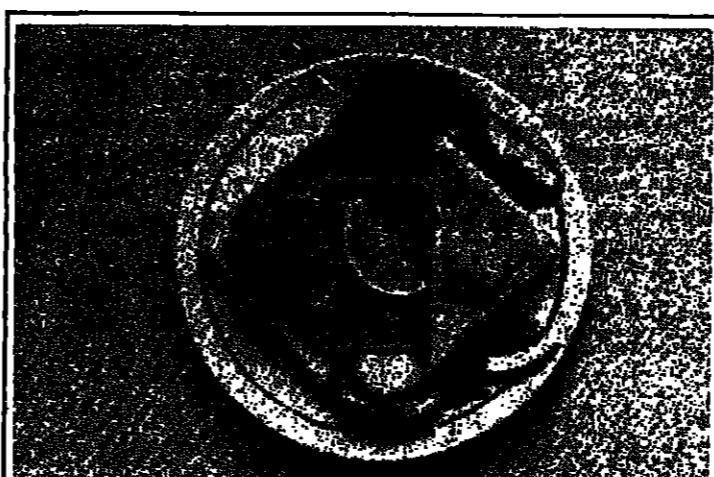
Not just any old snack



...specially prepared: scrumptious salads...



...sweet snacks...



...and special sandwiches (Photos courtesy of Alia)

Food has the reputation of being plastic — from the over-packed tray to the food they put

passengers will have come at some time about the full meals they have served by the airline they travel with.

most of them would be shed at the amount of it that goes into planning a meal, and astounded that pre-packed, cellophane-wrapped dinners are lovingly prepared by a French-trained chef.

from throwing together any ack for their customers, the staff at Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, spend months working on tasty dishes suitable not only for their customers, but for their own palates.

Yousef Qadri, Alia's menu

planning manager, explained that infinite care is taken to match meals to the conditions. In summer, when it is extremely hot, the airline does not serve mayonnaise, which is apt to separate; or cream, which might absorb other flavours in the heat, or minced meat, which has been shown to go off quickly in a warm atmosphere.

If a flight is going to snowbound Switzerland, travellers are hardly likely to be craving icecream during their journey.

"We have to take into account not only the passengers and their destination, but the length of the flight and the altitude the aircraft will be flying at," Mr. Qadri said. "All these factors affect our choice of menu."

One they have decided what to serve, the caterers need to order

the correct quantities to supply 6,000 meals every day. Every day they need one half ton of meat; every day they need several tons of vegetables and salad makings; every day they need thousands of rolls, brioche and bread.

Food is supplied by a local contractor who delivers to the catering department daily. Meat is sent off to the butchery, where it is cut up and prepared for cooking. Huge filets are sliced up ready for the next day's flight to Saudi Arabia, shish kebab are expertly made for another Middle East airline while hundreds of veal cutlets are chopped for British Airways.

Next to the butchery is the vegetable store. Fresh vegetables are kept in a cool vault and tomatoes, green peppers and cucumbers, to name a few of the vegetables, are washed three times in disinfected

water to clean them properly.

In fact there is great emphasis in the kitchens on hygiene and cleanliness. This summer's cholera outbreak has resulted in a total ban on the use of lettuce, mint and parsley, which are difficult to clean thoroughly. "We are not prepared to take any chances," said Assistant Catering Manager Waddah Asfour.

The kitchens also make all their own bread. They cook thousands of rolls and brioche, croissant bread for toast and even their own Arab bread. Every day they make 10,000 rolls alone.

Menus are changed once every three months on a rotation basis. First-class passengers may be enjoying Scotch smoked salmon and stuffed vine leaves with stuffed lamb, escalope Vienna style or duckling Lyonnaise to fol-

low, with a selection of vegetables. They will be offered a cheese board with five cheeses, fruit and a dessert of apple pie. All drinks, of course, are free in first class.

First-class passengers also get three choices of main meal, while economy passengers get two. Their menu might include artichoke salad, Hungarian goulash or kifta tomato sauce and rice, followed by chocolate cake.

The crew mustn't be forgotten, and they get three choices. In line with international safety regulations the pilot and the co-pilot must never eat the same dish, in case they should get food poisoning.

The catering department provides the in-flight meals for the Jordanian royal family, as well. Thus they have to know what His Majesty King Hussein does not

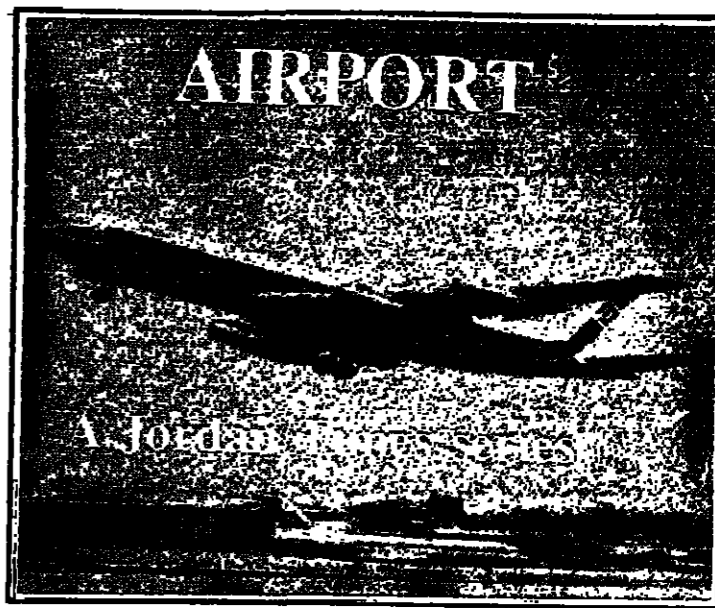
like to eat, as well as his favourite dishes.

Because Jordan is a Muslim country none of the meals ever include a pork dish, and alcohol is never used in cooking.

The duties of the catering department do not stop at just preparing and cooking the food. Meals can only be put on their trays two hours before flight time.

Thirty minutes only is allowed for packing before the trays are stored in a refrigerated room. Each trolley is packed with dry ice to keep the food cool while it is loaded into the aircraft. Only half an hour is allowed to load the food, in order to ensure that it is still absolutely fresh.

Incoming flights are cleared of their food trolleys and those trolleys taken back to the catering



department. All uneaten food is destroyed — even unopened packets of vacuum-sealed jam — to ensure that food is fresh. The rubbish is thrown into a skip which is removed every hour to prevent the spread of bacteria.

Crockery and cutlery are put into disinfectant to soak for two hours before being washed. Any cracked or chipped item is thrown away.

Hygiene is continually stressed. Workers have to be given a special medical clearance to work in the catering department and this must be renewed every six months. Staff in the kitchens have to take a shower before they start every shift. Floors are swabbed down

every two hours to ensure cleanliness.

With all these safeguards, the caterers have only once had problems — when 33 people on a flight to Rome developed stomach trouble. But Alia are still not certain they were responsible, because the party had arrived from the West Bank that morning, and no-one else on the flight suffered.

Head of the airport passenger services department Mr. Akel Bil-taji summed up their philosophy about quality control. "The greatest quality control we have is our own conscience," he said. "We do not want to be responsible for other people being ill."

DIALOGUE!

The Jordan Times wants to promote a dialogue on local issues among our readers. While we are currently publishing a series on various aspects of the situation at Amman Airport, we would like to hear the views of interested parties and the public at large about their experiences with the airport. Whether you are a frequent or occasional air traveller, a foreign airline's local representative, a travel agency or simply an interested reader, the Jordan Times would like to publish your views of the present situation at Amman Airport, and comments on how you think it can be improved. Send your typewritten comments to the Editor, the Jordan Times, P.O. Box 6710, Amman, Jordan. Comments will be edited only for style and grammar, and should be signed with the author's name and address.

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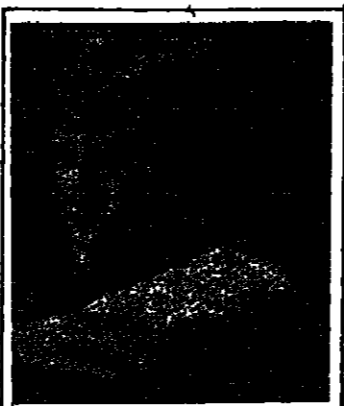
Villa, Spurs Contest Charity Shield

English League starts with new format

Aug. 21 (R) — Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur will launch the season at Wembley when they contest the Charity Shield, the traditional English League Champions football Association match.

Villa, too, have strengthened their side, acquiring the precarious talents of teenage midfielder Andy Blair from Coventry for around £400,000. Transfer activity during the summer resembled a game of musical chairs as players and managers

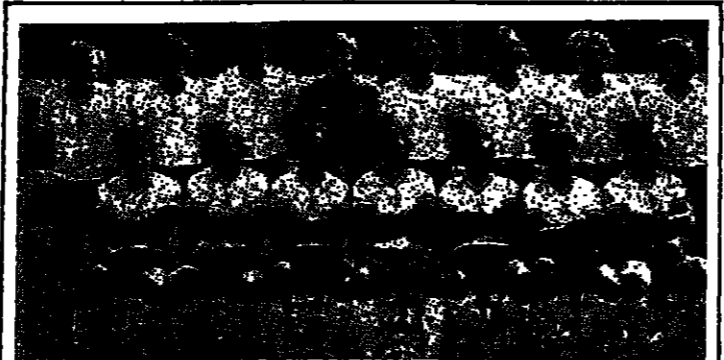
newly-promoted Swansea, makes room for Brighton's Irish international Mark Lawrenson, who cost £900,000 while Brighton-bound Case will be replaced by South-African born Craig Johnston who cost £650,000 from Middlesbrough. As of Liverpool's city neighbours Everton will have an even harder time identifying the new faces at Goodison Park. Manager Gordon Lee has been replaced by Howard Kendall and the new boss has already undertaken a mammoth rebuilding programme. Kendall has splashed out £1.5 million on six new players, includ-



Ray Clemence — On first name terms with ball-boys at Wembley



League Champions



Tottenham Hotspurs — F.A. Cup winners

plus England's qualification for the World Cup next summer. Tottenham Hotspur could qualify at the either Romania or Czechoslovakia in Europe, Liverpool will be favourites to win the Charity Shield match will be an affair for Tottenham.

switched clubs with bewildering regularity. Liverpool manager Bob Paisley has jettisoned Clemence, defender Colin Irwin and midfielder Jimmy Case. Clemence's replacement will be Zimbabwean Bruce Grobbelaar, signed from Canadian Vancouver Whitecaps for £250,000. Irwin, who has moved to

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African official denies reports of athletics World Cup boycott

LONDON, Aug. 21 (R) — Africa's leading athletics official, Lamine Diack of Senegal, today denied a newspaper report that African nations were considering a boycott of next month's track and field World Cup. The London Daily Mail reported today that the African team might be withdrawn from the World Cup in Rome from September 4-6 unless New Zealand and Irish athletes were banned from taking part. The report said African officials were considering such action in response to New Zealand and Ireland's continuing rugby links with South Africa. But Diack, President of the African Amateur Athletic Confederation (AAAC), advised the sport's governing body, the London-based International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), there was no truth in the report. In a telephone call from Dakar to London, he told IAAF General Secretary John Holt: "I can see no reason why we should not have a strong African team at the World Cup." Holt told Reuters: "Diack said the problem of some countries' sports links with South Africa had been thrashed out several years ago by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA). "He was referring to the stance taken in 1979 by the SCSA which decided it was not interested in attacking countries with sporting links with South Africa, but rather the sports which maintained such connections." Holt added. The Oceania team for the World Cup included 13 New Zealand athletes, including former Olympic champion and world mile record-holder John Walker. The only Irish runner in Rome will be Eamonn Coghlan, holder of the indoor world mile record, who will represent Europe in the 5,000 metres.

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THE BETTER HALF By Vinson. 'Good news. We didn't hear a prowler last night. It was only a mosquito.'

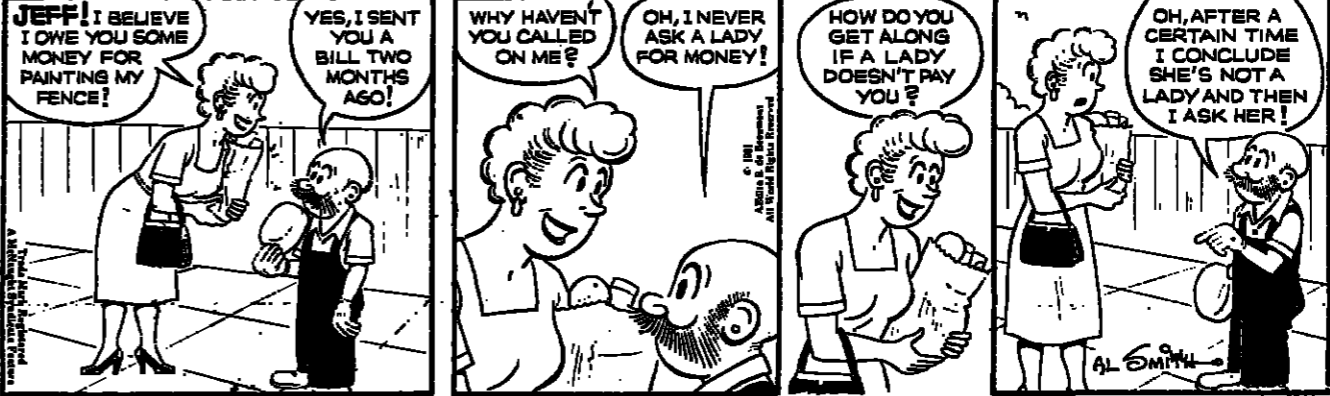
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Springboks U.S. visit causes African storm

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 21(R) — A leading sports official has said African nations would press for the 1984 Olympics to be switched from Los Angeles unless the U.S. government cancelled visas granted to the South African Rugby Union team. In an interview with Reuters, Ethiopia's Sports Commissioner, Ydnekatchew Tessema, who is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said there was no excuse for the United States to issue the visas "unless it is intended to provoke the African countries into action." The South Africans are due to play in the United States on their way home, a plan described by Tessema as "a challenge to Africa and all peace-loving nations." He added: "The African nations, the non-aligned countries and all progressive forces in the

world must decide in unison on a change of venue of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics if the United States allows the visit of the South African rugby team." Black Africa regard sporting links with the white minority regime in South Africa as support for its apartheid (racial segregation) policy. South Africa describes its apartheid restrictions as "separate racial development." Tessema, due to retire at the age of 60 next month, stressed that rugby was not a popular sport in the United States and the invi-

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